



# *Disaster News*

*Disaster Loans for Homeowners, Renters & Businesses of All Sizes*

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## **Louisiana Small Business Development Centers Offer Their Assistance to Katrina Impacted Businesses**

**BATON ROUGE** – Responding to the needs of businesses impacted by Hurricane Katrina, Louisiana Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) across the state are helping owners apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

“As a result of the tremendous property damage and economic impact Hurricane Katrina inflicted upon businesses throughout Louisiana, low-interest disaster loans from SBA will be an essential component in restoring and revitalizing many communities,” said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto. “While these businesses are facing challenges they never envisioned, our partners at Louisiana’s SBDCs want to lighten their load by helping them to apply for this much needed financial assistance.”

SBDC offers this service at each of their locations throughout Louisiana. SBDC employees will assist business owners in completing their SBA disaster loan applications and, if necessary, help re-create lost financial records. They will identify and address other issues of concern to affected businesses and provide businesses with counseling. These SBDC services are free and available to any Louisiana business that suffered damage from Katrina.

Business owners should make an appointment by calling any Louisiana SBDC location listed on the attached page. Hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until further notice.

SBA offers two types of business disaster loans. Physical disaster loans (for property damage) are available to homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations to repair or replace real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) are available to small businesses only and are designed to provide working capital to sustain the business through the disaster recovery period until normal operations resume. The lending limit is \$1.5 million and applies to any combination of physical damage and economic injury.

SBA disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries. Businesses do not have to wait to settle with their insurance company before applying for a disaster loan.

Businesses may obtain disaster loan application packages by visiting any Disaster Recovery Center or by calling SBA’s Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955, between the hours of 5:00 am and 10:00 pm, Central Time, 7 days a week. Although it is not necessary for businesses to register with FEMA, we recommend they do so by calling FEMA at 800-621-3362.

*For more information visit SBA’s website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster)  
SBA Disaster Assistance Office – Field Operations Center – West – P.O. Box 419004 – Sacramento, CA 95841*

# Louisiana Small Business Development Centers

*All locations will be open  
Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

## **University of Louisiana at Monroe**

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Monroe, LA 71209-6435  
Phone (318) 342-5506  
FAX (318) 342-5510  
Web Page <http://www.lsbdc.org>

## **Acadiana SBDC**

University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
220 E. St. Mary Blvd  
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Phone (337) 262-5344  
FAX (337) 262-1223

## **Capital SBDC**

Southern University  
5500 Florida Blvd Suite 101  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806-1514  
Phone (225) 922-0998  
FAX (225) 922-0024

## **Louisiana Tech SBDC**

509 West Alabama St.  
Ruston, LA 71270  
Phone (318) 257-3537  
FAX (318) 257-4253

## **Louisiana State University SBDC**

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LBTC Bldg. 3000  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803-6100  
Phone (225) 578-4842  
FAX (225) 578-3975  
Web Page <http://www.bus.lsu.edu/sbdc>

## **LSU Shreveport SBDC**

One University Place  
College of Business Administration  
Shreveport, LA 71115-2399  
Phone (318) 797-5144  
FAX (318) 797-5166  
Web Page [www.lsus.edu/sbdc](http://www.lsus.edu/sbdc)

## **Nicholls State University SBDC**

College of Business Administration  
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Thibodaux, LA 70301  
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## **Northwestern State University SBDC**

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Natchitoches, LA 71497-0002  
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## **Dunbar Plaza, Suite 114C**

3600 Jackson Street Extension  
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## **Southeastern Louisiana University SBDC**

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